

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CHULA VISTA SAFETY COMMISSION**

June 2, 2010  
6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers  
City Hall - Building 100  
276 Fourth Avenue

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m.

**1. Roll Call:**

Present: Chair Liken; Commissioners Caudillo (arrived at 6:16 pm), Cochrane, Fuentes, Gove, Moriarty, and Navarro

Absent: None.

Staff present: Frank Rivera, Principal Civil Engineer; Beth Chopp, Senior Civil Engineer; Police Officer Shon Thurman; and Florence Picardal, Recording Secretary

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Opening Statement**

Opening statement read by Chair Liken.

**4. Approval of Minutes: October 7, 2009 and February 3, 2010**

MSC (Moriarty/Navarro) to approve the minutes of October 7, 2009 as submitted. (4-0-3, Caudillo/Cochrane/Gove abstain)

MSC (Moriarty/Fuentes) to approve the minutes of February 3, 2010 as submitted (6-0-1, Navarro abstain)

**5. Oral Communications**

Steve Limber, Chula Vista resident requested a 3-way stop sign at the intersection of St. Germaine and St. Claire Drive to assist with speeding problems and blind spots.

Chair Liken asked Officer Thurman to place the Smart unit at St. Germaine and St. Claire Drive to monitor vehicle speeds going both directions.

**MEETING AGENDA**

**6. "Rethinking Street Design" Presentation**

Principal Civil Engineer Rivera introduced Andy Hamilton from the San Diego Air Pollution District. Andy Hamilton has worked on transportation, land use, and air quality issues at the San Diego Air Pollution Control District (APCD) since 1994. His work includes promoting alternatives to motor vehicles, including walking. He is also the co-founder and President of WalkSanDiego, a regional pedestrian advocacy organization. He currently serves as Vice President of America Walks, the national coalition of pedestrian advocacy organizations. Mr. Hamilton holds a bachelors degree in Biology from the University of Kansas, a master's degree in Ecology from UC Davis and a master's degree in Urban & Environmental Policy from Tufts University. He is the author of two APCD publications: *Tools for Reducing Vehicle Trips Through Land Use Design* and *Slow Down! Taming Neighborhood Traffic*. Mr. Hamilton gave a short presentation.

***UNOFFICIAL MINUTES***

**7. Resolution of the Safety Commission of the City of Chula Vista Recommending Adoption of the Pedestrian Master Plan by City Council**

On July 22, 2008 Council approved an agreement between the City of Chula Vista and Alta Planning + Design (Alta) for the development of the City's first Pedestrian Master Plan. The goal of the Plan was to identify and prioritize pedestrian improvement projects based on technical analysis and community input, thereby promoting orderly implementation on a citywide basis and enhancing the City's ability to secure funding. The draft Final Report has been prepared and staff proposes to take it to Council for approval on June 22, 2010. Senior Civil Engineer Beth Chopp, project manager for the Pedestrian Master Plan, gave a short presentation.

**Staff Recommendation:** Safety Commission accept staff report and recommend adoption of the Pedestrian Master Plan by City Council.

**MSUC (Moriarty/Cochrane)** to accept staff report and approve resolution recommending adoption of the Pedestrian Master Plan by City Council. (7-0)

**8. Resolution of the Safety Commission of the City of Chula Vista Supporting the Submittal of Three Grant Applications for State-Legislated Safe Routes to School Funding Cycle 9 to Improve Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities at Three Eligible Locations**

California legislated a Safe Routes to School (SR2S) program in 1999 with the enactment of AB 1475. The goals of the program are to reduce injuries and fatalities to schoolchildren and to encourage increased walking and bicycling among students. This resolution will support the filing of a grant application for three projects under Cycle 9 2010/2011 of the State-Legislated Safe Routes to School Program. On June 22, 2010, City staff has scheduled this matter to the City Council for their approval of the grant application submittals.

**Staff Recommendation:** Safety Commission accept staff report and support the submittal of three grant applications for State-Legislated Safe Routes to school funding Cycle 9 to improve pedestrian and bicycle facilities at various eligible locations.

**MSUC (Liken/Cochrane)** to accept staff report and approve resolution supporting the submittal of three grant applications for State-Legislated Safe Routes to school funding Cycle 9 to improve pedestrian and bicycle facilities at various eligible locations. (7-0)

**9. Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

**MSUC (Gove/Moriarty)** to elect John Liken as Chair. (7-0)

**MSUC (Cochrane/Gove)** to elect Pat Moriarty as Vice Chair. (7-0)

**10. Traffic Accident Summaries for January, February, March and April 2010**

Officer Thurman stated there have been no fatalities this calendar year. The Division has been writing "smart" traffic citations rather than focusing on quantity of citations. New Kevlar clothing will be purchased for the department; assault rifles are now in all vehicles and the shotguns have been converted to bean bag guns. The geographical policing is now in effect – northern and southern areas with L Street being the dividing line. The department participated in the Special Olympics Torch Run yesterday. Overall, the department is very busy.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**11. 2010 Boards & Commissions Recognition Event – June 23**

Chair Liken reminded everyone of the upcoming event and to RSVP directly to the Mayor's office.

**12. Letter of Appreciation Received from Mr. Bill Schlegel**

A letter of appreciation was received from Mr. Bill Schlegel thanking the Commission on their approval of a 4-way stop at the intersection of F Street and Del Mar Avenue. The letter was accepted into record.

**13. Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Moriarty asked about the recent accident with a jogger on Telegraph Canyon Road. Officer Thurman stated the cause of the accident was driver fatigue.

Commissioner Cochrane stated today he observed a fire truck on Otay Lakes Road going through the intersection without any regard to pedestrians or other vehicles.

In accordance with the cost savings measure taken at the June 11, 2009 Safety Commission meeting, Chair Liken cancelled the July 7, 2010 meeting.

**14. Staff Comments**

Principal Civil Engineer Rivera gave an update on the Bayfront environmental document that was approved by City Council. It will now go to the Coastal Commission and then on to the State. He updated the Commission on the Otay Lakes Road widening project, Bayshore/Bikeway, and the BRT.

**ADJOURNMENT AT 7:49 P.M.** to the next scheduled meeting of August 4, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Florence Picardal, Recording Secretary